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(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Tipaimukh Dam in Manipur**

3954. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Tipaimukh Dam in Manipur needs to be stopped as it falls under the most seismically sensitive zones of the Trans-Asiatic Earthquake belt;

(b) if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether it will involve submersion of big track of land; and

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The seismic studies for Tipaimukh Dam site have been conducted in collaboration with Central Water & Power Research Station, Pune. The Research Station has given recommendation in their report for taking up suitable designs of the proposed dam and other civil structures and has not objected to the construction of the dam.

(c) The Tipaimukh Dam would involve submergence of about 811 square kilometres of land.

(d) The details are as follows:

(Figure in square kilometres)

Classification	Manipur	Mizoram	Total
1. Forest	115.97	6.89	122.86
2. Culturable land	25.51	1.5	27.01
3. Shrubs fallows	115.15	6.85	122.00
4. Rocry outcrops	29.91	1.78	31.69
5. Gardens	7.02	0.41	7.43
Total	293.56	17.44	311.00

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**Allowances to the Employees of MTNL**

3955. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. has not paid salaries and other allowances to their employees equivalent to

those paid to the employees of other corporation even after five years of its inception;

(b) whether any committee was appointed by the Government in this regard, if so, when;

(c) whether the said committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and